

the Gazette Notification No. S.O 477(E), dated the 25th July, 1991.

Reservation of items is a continuous process and the list of reserved items is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted under the Industries (development & regulation) Act, 1951. The Committee recommends to the Government items to be added, and deleted from the reserved list.

Losses by Praga Tools Limited

6548. SHRI DATTARYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss suffered by the Praga Tools Ltd., Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh) during each of the last three years;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) profit (Loss) before tax of Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL) for the last three years is as follows:-

| <i>Year</i> | <i>Rs in lakh profit (+)/ loss (-)</i> |
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| 1989-90 | 83.17 |
| 1990-91 | (-) 169.88 |
| 1991-92 (Provisional) | 9-242.69 |

(b) The company has incurred losses during the last two years mainly because of inadequate inflow of orders for capital goods like high tech, machines and forgings.

(c) All out efforts are on to get more orders for the company's products.

[Translation]

Compensation for withdrawal of Cess on Coal

6549. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state being taken by the government to compensate the continuous loss due to the withdrawal of cess coal for the States of Bihar, Bengal and Orissa.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUNDA): Enactments levying cesses on coal of some of the State Governments including the State Governments of Bihar and Orissa have been struck down by courts.

Petitions against levy of such cesses by Government of West Bengal are sub-judice. Once an enactment levying cess on coal is struck off, such cess cannot be collected from the purchasers of coal. It is not possible for Government of India to compensate the concerned State Governments for the losses consequent to the withdrawal of the cesses. However, Government of India has since enhanced rates of royalty on coal produced in States where cesses on coal have been withdrawn. Revenues from enhanced rates of royalty on coal will accrue to the concerned State Governments.

Central Investment in Public Sector Undertaking in Orissa

6550. SHRI SRIKATA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investment in Central public sector undertakings in Orissa is less as compared to other States;